

## **Citywalk Subcommittee Meeting Monday, August 24, 2015, 5:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Citywalk Subcommittee was held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at the Ridgeview Library.

**Members Present:** Dana Chambers, Jennifer Clark, Ed Farthing, Kimberly George, Jennifer Helton, Alan Jackson, Katherine Rogers, Carolyn Sinclair, Mike Thomas, James Tilton, and Frank Young

**Members Absent:** Tom Dobbins, Will Locke, and Susan Walker

**Others Present:** Freese and Nichols Staff Members, City Staff Members, and various members of the community

Subcommittee Chair Frank Young opened the meeting at 5:03 P.M.

Mr. Chuck Hansen, Director of Public Services, gave a brief update on each of the bond projects. He started with Riverwalk and shared that FNI had met with Duke Energy and DENR to discuss regulations affecting the Riverwalk project. He explained that the shoreline along the river consists of two zones. Zone one (30 ft.) is considered a buffer zone and clearing is not allowed, although there is an exception for a 10 ft. wide trail. Zone 2 (20 ft.) can be cleared but can have no impervious objects.

He also explained that after meeting with Duke Energy, they found that it would be necessary to have many agencies approve the final design before Duke approves it in order to get the needed FERC license. He also added that FNI's cost estimate for the Riverwalk is \$12.5 million.

Mr. Hansen explained that Citywalk's cost estimate is currently being narrowed down by FNI, who is working off of a \$27.5 million estimate created by Land Design.

The Streetscapes and Gateways vision is currently being developed and will result later in a cost estimate.

Andrea Surratt updated the subcommittee on the current status of the TIGER grant. She encouraged everyone to write letters to their legislators if they have not already. She added that they received a letter of support from Norfolk Southern, which is very helpful for the application process since the City will have to work closely with them in the development of even like to invite Sec. Foxx to visit Hickory. She said the awardees should be announced in late September or early October.

Before Jessica Martin-Lane began her discussion on supplemental funding, Mick Berry explained that the City would work on coordinating efforts with non-profits to help with additional funding for the projects. Ms. Martin-Lane then asked the subcommittee to brainstorm idea for supplemental funding. She offered categories like individuals, associations,

foundations, businesses, grants, events, and project features to help spur creativity. She passed out sticky notes and asked everyone to break into smaller groups to discuss. After 15 minutes the groups took turns discussing their ideas for funding. Ms. Martin-Lane compiled their ideas and will work with them later.

Ms. Surratt discussed possible dates for upcoming meetings. The next full Bond Commission meeting will likely be scheduled for October. She also noted some opportunities for Bond Commission members to share updates with the community at the Farmers' Market, Oktoberfest, and the symphony.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

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Frank Young, Chair  
Citywalk Subcommittee

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Sarah Prencipe, Deputy City Clerk  
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